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In re application of

Docket No: Q78162

Yoshiyuki FUKUMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/697,124

Group Art Unit: 2627

Confirmation No.: 8462

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Filed: October 31, 2003

For:

MAGNETORESISTANCE DEVICE WITH A DIFFUSION BARRIER BETWEEN A

CONDUCTOR AND A MAGNETORESISTANCE ELEMENT AND METHOD OF

FABRICATING THE SAME

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2006, time for responding to which being extended to March 19, 2007 (Monday), please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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